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WA KEENEY KANSAS

THRONES NOT AS OF OLD.

The advent of a new pretender to one throne is followed by the voluntary renunciation of the scarcely less hopeless pretender to another. There was much rejoicing the other day among Bonapartists over the birth of a son to Prince Victor Napoleon, a grandson to "Plon-Plon" and a great-grandson to the King of Westphalia. Probably there is some satisfaction in maintaining a direct line of claimants generation after generation. But we should be entertained to see at what rates Lloyd's would insure the youngster's expectation of accession to the throne. Now Manuel, lately of Portugal, renounces his claims to restoration. This is done voluntarily, though upon it was conditional his marriage with the Princess Augustine of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, says the New York Tribune. There is a refreshing novelty in the refusal of a nonreigning prince to let his daughter wed an ex-king unless the latter would pledge himself never to try to be king again. There is reported to be a degree of agitation in that other branch of the Braganza family, to which Manuel has renounced his pretension, with even some talk of restorationist uprising. But we should doubt if it comes to much. Duke Michael has 11 names to Manuel's 13, and he is too advanced in years to play a dashing and daring part. Besides, it must be remembered that Manuel is of the house of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha as well as of Braganza, and when a Coburg renounces his claim to a throne we may be sure there is nothing in it worth holding on to.

Alfred Ollivant, author of "Bob, Son of Battle," writes a piece of fiction entitled "Hum-Drum: A Slice From an Every Day Life," in which he makes the following comment on the troubles of the poor when death enters their ranks, says the American Magazine. He is speaking particularly of conditions in England, but what he says applies to this country as well: "Many a poor family never recovers from the expenditure forced upon it by the burial of one of its members, an expenditure sanctified by usage, and encouraged by those interested in maintaining it. Apart from the undertaker's bill there is the death certificate, the wreath, the memorial cards, the 'blacks' for every one, including baby, and above all tips—tips to gravediggers, tips to hearse attendants, tips to insurance agents; all urgent for more and knowing you can not well refuse. For in Angel street you may scrape and stint in every other matter, but to be stingy about your dead is to endanger your social position."

Mme. Viardot, the famous musician, gives one a poor impression of Russian manners from the account she narrates in her "Memoirs and Adventures" of a visit to the Crimea in 1856. Their "want of logic" amused her. "It enables them to be scrupulously clean in their persons," she says, "and yet they are not nice in their table manners. One substitutes his finger for his fork, another drinks out of the cream jug, a third cools his perspiring brow with the bread knife." But, if their manners were doubtful, their music was divine. "The whole nation is thoroughly musical, down to the lowest." And in the matter of manners, as in other things, Russia has traveled a long way since 1856.

M. Caillaux, who led the attack which brought about the fall of the Barthou ministry in France, has been twice married, the second time during his tenure of the premiership, when Raymond Poincare was one of his best men. The present Mme. Caillaux is the divorced wife of Leo Clartie, first cousin of the late director of the Theater Francaise. Her predecessor in the Caillaux household was likewise divorced; and by a strange coincidence her previous husband, Durpre, is first cousin (on the distaff side) to Jules Clartie, with whom Caillaux can thus claim to be doubly—and oddly—connected.

The calosoma beetle, an imported natural enemy of the gipsy moth, is found to be multiplying very fast in the moth infested territory of Massachusetts and seems likely to do much toward keeping this pest in check. This is only one of a dozen or more species of insects that are being used in the moth campaign, so that the outlook is decidedly encouraging.

The archduke and archduchess of Austria, one of the most punctilious courts in Europe, are shocking precedent, tradition and all imperial etiquette by themselves wheeling their baby son and heir in a perambulator along country roads. More and more modern events are dissipating the divinity of kings and showing that they are very human, but this manner of doing so is going to do kings more good than all the divinity some are still desperately clinging to.

EXPLOSION ROCKS ALTON BUILDINGS

Many Illinois Cities Feel Shock When Powder Mill Blows Up.

WATCHMAN OF PLANT MISSING

Windows Broken Fifty Miles Away When Tons of Explosive Were Touched Off—Smoke Cloud Alarms St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo.—An explosion at the Equitable Powder Company's plant at Alton, Ill., near here, shook territory in Illinois within a radius of one hundred miles. The shock of the explosion, however, did not cross the Mississippi river into Missouri. Henry Miller, night watchman at the plant, and the only man known to have been within a mile of the mill at the time of the explosion, is believed to have been killed as no trace of him could be found after the accident. The explosion occurred at 6:30 p. m. and soon after reports of earthquake shocks began coming in from Decatur, Assumption, Orleans and Centralia, Ill.

In most of these places two shocks were felt. At Centralia, more than fifty miles from the scene of the explosion, doors and windows rattled for five seconds, and in some cases were broken. The shock was not felt in St. Louis.

At 9:30 a dense smoke carrying a strong odor of burning gunpowder settled over the city, thirty miles from the scene of the explosion. It had taken the black cloud three hours to travel diagonally across the river from Alton to St. Louis. The smoke created much excitement among the theater-going crowds down town, as they were unaware of its cause. Recalling the Missouri Athletic Club disaster and numerous other big midnight fires which have occurred in St. Louis in the last few weeks, people rushed from one street to another in search of what was thought to be a new fire. The smoke covered the city for about fifteen minutes and then passed southward.

The explosion occurred in the glazing plant of the powder company, and left only a deep hole in the ground on the spot where the building stood. Nine tons of black powder went up in one blast, at a cost to the company of more than \$20,000, including the loss of the building.

The shock rocked buildings in Alton and broke every plate glass window in East Alton. At the home of Edward Cunningham the kitchen stove was overturned and the house set afire. Richview and Nashville, Ill., also felt the shock.

HOAXED CALIFORNIA OFFICER

Story of Proposed Rebellion Against United States a Joke, Says "General" Kelly.

Sacramento, Cal.—That Lieut. Franklin Grimes of the California National Guard has been made the victim of a hoax was the statement made by "Gen." Charles Kelly, head of the jobless army, in denying charges by Grimes that Kelly planned to overthrow the United States government.

Grimes' story is pure fiction, Kelly said. Either Grimes invented it, he said, or credited the statements of some crazy radical among the unemployed who was not responsible.

Grimes asserted the leaders of the unemployed planned to gather 1/4 million idle men in Chicago, seize the United States arsenal at Rock Island, take guns and ammunition and march against the national capital.

THAW EXPENSIVE TO STATE

New York Must Pay Bills Amounting to \$38,400 Incurred in Effort to Get Fugitive.

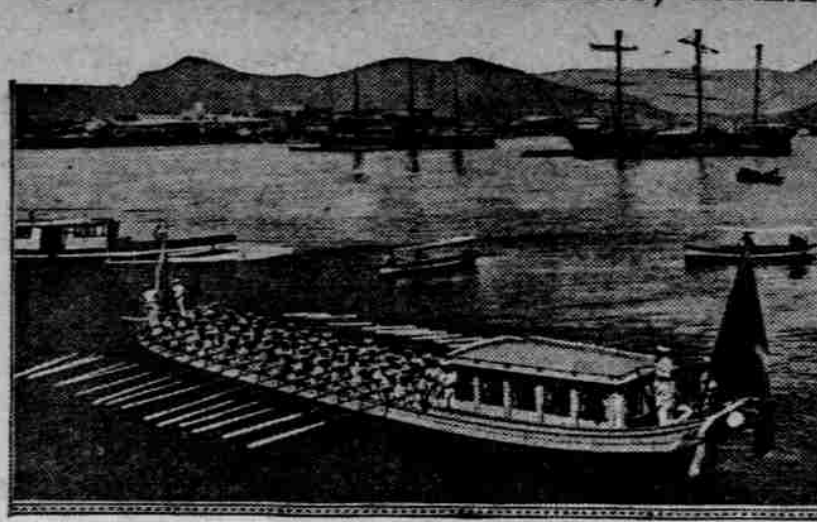
Albany, N. Y.—The expense bill approved by Attorney General Carmody, in connection with the state's efforts to get Harry K. Thaw back to Matteawan, includes the following fees to lawyers:

William T. Jerome, \$25,000; Bernard Jacobs, Lancaster, N. H., \$5,000; Jacobs Hall, Couture and Fitch, Montreal, \$5,000; Hector Verret, Coatsworth, \$1,500; Case (as grain), Montreal, \$1,000; Jacob Nicol, Sherbrooke, \$900. The fees of Mr. Jerome and Jacobs cover "not only past services rendered, but also any future services in reference to this case."

Geese Scared Boy to Death. Racine, Wis.—While playing about the yard of his home near North Point, Frank Chumik, 10 years old, became frightened at the squawking of a flock of geese. He died shortly afterward as a result of convulsions.

Jay Gould is Champion. Philadelphia.—Jay Gould, American and British amateur court tennis champion, won the open professional championship of the world here from George F. Covey of England, the professional title holder.

HARBOR OF RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL



Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian cities have been proclaimed in a state of siege by the national authorities, owing to the outbreak of revolutionary troubles. In this photograph of the harbor of Rio the president's state barge is seen in the foreground.

MAY COMBINE BILLS

President Wilson Approves Four Anti-Trust Measures Now Before Committee.

STRENGTHENS SHERMAN LAW

Idea of Administration Is to Expedite Legislation—Senators Said to Favor Combination.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson at a conference with the judiciary subcommittee on trusts, put the stamp of administration approval on the substance of four bills to amend the anti-trust laws, which the committee submitted in a practically final form. There will be another conference at the White House within a week and members of the committee asserted that unless protracted discussion is raised in the full committee when the measures are presented, all four bills to strengthen the Sherman law, covering interlocking directorates, holding companies, trade relations' and definitions of restraints of trade will be reported to the house within a fortnight.

President Wilson indicated his belief that it would be better to consolidate all the bills into one in order to expedite legislation. The senate interstate commerce committee is understood to favor consolidation, and that it will be effected by the house judiciary committee is practically certain.

The President made a number of suggestions to the subcommittee. He insisted that personal guilt of individuals in control of corporations should be prescribed in every bill in order to break up the evils that have grown up under the present anti-trust laws. The committee will revise the bills with this in view and talk with the President again before submitting the measures to the full committee, and to the house.

The draft of the holding corporations bill had been completed just before the conference. The measure would make unlawful those holding companies that combine the stock of corporations so as to lessen competition, but would not affect companies which hold the stock of corporations that form essential parts of their business. Holding companies that are entirely for investment and not for business directly are not prohibited. This would permit companies like the big insurance concerns to hold the stock of corporations which are not competitors.

FIRE IN WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Flames Destroy Building of Massachusetts School—Students Get Out Safely.

Wellesley, Mass.—Through the bravery and quick work of the Wellesley College fire brigade, composed of girls, 410 girls were conducted safely from College Hall, the chief building of the college group and one of the oldest, when fire entirely destroyed the building with a loss of 1 1/2 million dollars.

Mary O'Manoney, chief of the college fire brigade, directed the rescue work, arousing the inmates and urging them partly dressed into the campus.

Through the quick work of the brigade of girls, the building, more than four hundred feet long and five stories high, was emptied in three minutes with a minimum of hysteria and fright.

College sessions have been suspended and the students will be sent home.

Express Men to Get Jobs.

New York.—Assurance has been given to employees of the United States Express Company at a meeting in Jersey City that if the company goes out of business provisions for them will be made by other express companies.

Russian Spies on Trial.

Vienna.—The second stage of the attempt to unravel the alleged extensive Russian espionage campaign in Austria has been opened by the Austrian government.

QUAKE HITS JAPANESE CITIES

Many Lives Believed Lost on Island of Honko

Tokio, Japan.—A severe earthquake occurred in the prefecture of Akita, Island of Honko.

A number of persons in both Akita and Kowakubi were killed and many houses destroyed or damaged.

The volcano Asama-Yama, ninety miles northwest of Tokio, is in eruption.

Akita is a garrison town on the sea of Japan, and has a population of about 30,000.

Asama-Yama is the largest active volcano in Japan. Its last great eruption was in 1783, when several villages on the north side of the mountain were obliterated by huge streams of lava.

Full details of the disaster have not been received here owing to the interruption of communication. Sixty bodies were found in the basin of the Omono river, where 320 houses were destroyed.

The village of Kitameno burned. As a result of the earthquake a copper mine at Taumdate collapsed. The fate of the three hundred workmen in the mine is unknown.

Simultaneous with the earthquake came terrific explosions and the bursting of flames from the volcano Asama-Yama which terrified the inhabitants of that district.

MISSOURI NEGRO LYNCHED

Citizens of Fayette Hang Dallas Shield in Jail Yard for Killing Constable.

Fayette, Mo.—Two hours after Dallas Shields, a negro barber, had shot to death Constable Joseph Gaines here and terrorized Fayette, he was lynched by 250 citizens in the court house yard in the center of town.

Gaines was 69 years old and one of the oldest constables in Missouri. He was shot while trying to arrest the negro for terrorizing the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad yards. In answer to the constable's demand that he hand over his weapon the negro shot Gaines three times in the breast.

SEND LETTERS WITH PARCELS

Another Convenience to Public Added to Postal Service by Postmaster General.

Washington.—To further add to the popularity of the parcel post, Postmaster General Burleson has signed an order which will permit the attaching of a letter to a package when both bear their respective rates of postage and are addressed to the same individual. The sending of a communication with a parcel post package heretofore has not been permissible.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Judge Edward Meek, in the federal district court at Fort Worth has granted a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of the five thousand Mexicans held as prisoners by the United States Government at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the senate, Senator Borah of Idaho shocked suffrage advocates on the floor and in the galleries by declaring it impractical and impossible to obtain the vote for women by a constitutional amendment.

A general forward movement of both the Mexican federal and rebel armies at Torreon has begun, preliminary it is believed, to opening the long deferred battle for possession of that city, according to a Chihuahua press dispatch received at Houston, Texas.

The interstate trade commission bill, bearing the approval of President Wilson and Attorney General McReynolds, has been made public following many conferences among the members of the house interstate committee.

Arthur Fischer, a Chicago & Northwestern engineer of Pekin, Ill., and an unidentified bandit, are dead, two deputy sheriffs and a woman are wounded, and twelve Mexicans are in jail at Princeton as the result of an attempted hold-up of a Chicago & Northwestern freight train at Manlius, Ill.

PARIS CROWDS RIOT

Shooting of Figaro Editor Causes Tense Situation in France.

MAY CHANGE ENTIRE CABINET

Killing of Gaston Calmette Makes Nearly as Much Stir as Famous Dreyfus Case.

Paris, France.—Not since the Dreyfus affair has any event in French history so stirred the imagination of the French people as the shooting of Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro, by Mme. Caillaux, the wife of the minister of finance.

M. Caillaux, broken in spirit, resigned from his post and the cabinet was subjected to several changes. The lobbies are seething with all sorts of reports, and the resignation of Ernest Monis, minister of marine, and even the whole cabinet is rumored.

The most reliable opinion seemed to indicate that while the elimination of M. Monis is possible, the resignation of the ministry is far from likely, the deputies being unanimous that the budget must pass before the elections.

Among parliamentarians the whole affair is considered as a great and unexpected boon to the anti-Republican party, which will not fail to exploit it to the utmost, with the object of discrediting the government at the elections.

Late at night the Royalists' Association was called out by Leon Daudet, the leader. He mounted a table in the boulevard and harangued his followers, attacking M. Caillaux in violent terms to the accompaniment of shouts of "Down with the Assassin Caillaux!"

M. Hennion, prefect of Paris, in command of a large body of police, harried the manifestations up and down the boulevard and finally scattered them, the Royalists fleeing with shouts of "Down with the republic! Long live the king!"

A score were arrested and many were bruised in the scuffles.

ANOTHER ST. LOUIS DISASTER

Walls of Missouri Athletic Club Fall Crushing Seed Store—Three Dead and Others Missing.

St. Louis, Mo.—The second disaster within a week was wrought upon the scene of the Missouri Athletic Club, whose building recently was destroyed with a loss of thirty lives.

Carried down by a thirty-mile wind the west wall of the ruins of the seven story club house crashed down upon the adjoining building of the St. Louis Seed Company and crushed the rear half of the four story building to the ground.

At midnight the bodies of three dead men had been removed from the debris, the body of a woman still was believed to be buried under the wreckage, twelve persons were injured and several workmen, who were in the building just before the collapse, still were unaccounted for.

A few minutes before the collapse, Building Commissioner McKelvey, who was directing 170 men in the work of exploring the ruins of the Missouri Athletic Club, feared the wall would fall, and ordered his men out of the debris. This action probably prevented a heavy loss of life.

DRUNKEN MAN STOLE ENGINE

Reckless Act of Discharged Katy Fireman Nearly Caused Disaster at McAlester, Okla.

McAlester, Okla.—Joe Tate, a discharged Katy fireman, stole a locomotive from the roundhouse here. He started up a siding and ran the engine into a string of cars. He then threw the switches, got on the main line and started north when the south-bound limited was due.

The yardmaster and assistant leaped on the engine just as Tate threw the throttle open. They overpowered Tate and got the engine back on the siding barely in time to avoid the passenger train. The only explanation Tate could give was that he was drunk. He is in jail charged with stealing the engine and also two suits of clothing he took from the caboose.

Burns In Coal Oil Fire.

Guthrie, Ok.—Near Kinnick, Anna Dyke, 10 years old, daughter of Conrad Dyke, was burned by the explosion of a can of coal oil with which she was kindling a fire. Her mother was also burned while fighting the flames.

To Close St. Louis Fire Traps.

St. Louis.—James N. McKelvey, building commissioner, announced that he would revoke the licenses of six of the largest theaters in St. Louis before the first of the week because they are not of fireproof construction.

Dynamiters Ask Pardons.

Washington.—Application for pardon of eighteen of the labor leaders convicted in the "dynamite conspiracy cases" at Indianapolis has been filed with the Department of Justice.

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AN ILLINOIS CASE

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